

## *Definitions of Assistive Technology from the ATA of 1998*

### **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE**

Assistive technology device means any item, piece of equipment or product system, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

### **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

An assistive technology service means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. The term includes:

- Evaluation of the needs of an individual with a disability, including a functional evaluation of the individual in the individual's customary environment;
- Purchasing, leasing or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices by individuals with disabilities;
- Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing of assistive technology devices;
- Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions or services such as those associated with education and rehabilitation plans and programs;
- Training or technical assistance for an individual with a disability, or, if appropriate, the family of an individual with a disability;
- Training or technical assistance for professionals (including individuals providing education or rehabilitation service, employers or other individuals who provide services to, employ, or are otherwise substantially involved in the major life functions of individuals with disabilities.

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